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Dear Colleague,

The power of technological innovation is essential for shaping the transportation system that will respond to the needs of the nation and the world in the 21st century. We must work together to facilitate continuing technological innovation for ensuring a 21st century transportation system that best serves all Americans. As Secretary of Transportation Norman Y. Mineta has said, "...transportation is vital to our national well being, whether measured as economic growth, as international competitiveness, or as quality of life."

I invite you to participate in the 2001 National Symposia on Transportation at the John A. Volpe National Transportation Systems Center (Volpe Center) in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The Volpe Center is part of the US Department of Transportation's Research and Special Programs Administration. The symposia will address three transportation topics: Public-Private Partnerships, Education and the Workforce, and Enabling Technologies. The symposia will bring together leaders from government, academia, and the transportation community to address issues critical to the success of partnership initiatives, ensuring a highly skilled workforce capable of meeting or exceeding our national transportation goals, and technologies that will provide new transportation-related products, processes, and services.

I hope that you can join me at these important symposia. Enclosed is a brochure that provides a brief description of the 2001 symposia series. In addition, registration and hotel information is provided. Individual symposia details, including agendas will be forthcoming. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please call Ms. Judy Yahoodik at the Volpe Center at (617) 494-3534.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard R. John".

Richard R. John
Director

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